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Topic: : Skunked on Muskies Again (Despite Good Conditions)

Re: Skunked on Muskies Again (Despite Good Conditions)

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Quote:

pwk5017 wrote:

Hey fishidiot,

A musky on the fly happens to be one of my goals for 2012. About how active are these fish during the colder months? I get the impression that "the fish of 10,000 casts" becomes 10 times more difficult to fool in jan/feb. I dont know if I have 100,000 casts in me...

My personal experience is on mid state rivers so if you're thinking about fishing in a Crawford Co lake or something take this with a grain of salt.

With rivers, I do find muskies to be very agreeable in winter but water temps matter. A warming trend such as we saw last week is ideal. I can't say I have kept data on water temps when muskie fishing but - for winter fishing - I suppose I'd define warm as 40+ degrees. Muskies are likely to be happy if you've got water temps this high. At 40+ I'd even use a pretty aggressive retrieve. With lower temps I fish the fly/lure slowly on the bottom.

If there is slush ice in the river, I don't bother fishing but I have had action from muskies when there was some light icing in slack areas.